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All Silk Armbands worth 25 cts, at 15 cts, 2 pairs for 25 cts.  
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**Holland Faience Ware** in Drawingroom Tea Sets, Vases and Odd Pieces, beautiful in finish and with the delicate blues and tans in Dutch conventional designs. **Venetian Glass**, gold encrusted Vases, Compotes, Sherbet and Ice Cups, and Bottles.

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### THE MULE IN THE JUG.

An Arab Proverb and the Legend That Gave It Birth.

Who can affirm that the mule entered the jug?

This proverb is frequently quoted to show that, though one may conscientiously believe in a thing which may seem extravagant in itself, it is better to repeat it from fear of being disbelieved. It arises from the following Arabic legend: An Arab who denied the existence of gentile once bought a mule and took it home. When perceiving his evening ablutions, he saw the mule enter a jug, and this scared him that he ran shouting to his neighbors and told them what he had seen. They, thinking him mad, endeavored to appease him, but in vain he vociferated more and more, so the authorities sent him to the lunatic house. When the doctor came to see him, he repeated the account of what he had seen, whereupon the doctor ordered him to be detained. He continued upon each visit of the doctor to repeat his statement until his friend succeeded in persuading him that if he wished to regain his freedom he must repeat this he did, and the doctor set him at liberty. To the great joy of his family and friends. On making his ablutions as before he again saw the mule, this time peeping out of the jug but on this occasion he contented himself with remarking to the mule: "Oh, yes, I see you well enough, but who would believe me? And I have had enough of the madhouse." Needless to say that the gentile to avenge themselves for his disbelief in them had transformed one of themselves into a mule, and as such entered the jug.—*El Cairo (Egypt) Sphinx.*

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See VAN DYK'S Ad. Page 9. It will interest you.

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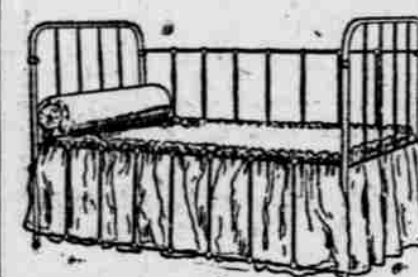
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## IN THE THEATRES

### JACKSON'S

### POLI'S

### A BROKEN IDOL.

The stage of Jackson's Theatre will hold the first production in this city of the musical comedy success, "A Broken Idol." Christmas Day matinee and night. The libretto of this musical play was fashioned by Hal Stephens, and its lyrics by Harry Williams, to fit the music composed by Robert Van Alstyne. New York, Boston and Chicago have already stamped their approval on this work which is said to set a new standard in the production of musical plays. Gus Sohke, the well known producer of "A Knight for a Day" and "The Three Twins" made "A Broken Idol" ready for stage presentation. Like the successful plays of its kind, "A Broken Idol" is one continuous whirl of action, fun, music and brilliant ever-changing stage pictures. The play is said to be made up of very attractive and engaging young misses, who appear in a bewildering variety of costumes. Seats are now selling.

### THE GIRL OF THE WEST.

One of the biggest successes of the season in melodramatic plays is "The Girl of the West," the thrilling Western play which will be presented at Jackson's Theatre next Monday, matinee and evening, by an exceptionally strong company headed by clever Sadie Calhoun. An interesting and powerful story of the West is unfolded, and while the play abounds in the thrilling situations and climaxes that are essential to a melodramatic performance, the story never becomes inconsistent, and is at all times an interesting one. The usual popular prices will prevail.

### BORIS THOMASHESKY.

The Jews have long been noted for their histrionic and dramatic talent and the ancient race has contributed some of the most gifted players and playwrights on the stage of all countries. In the distinct and popular drama of their own written in the Yiddish dialect, which is now flourishing in all the Yiddish centres, the Jews have displayed remarkable talent and their theatres have attracted the attention of the best cities such as New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and other principal cities. The truth of this will soon be made potent to the theatre-goers of this city on next Tuesday evening at Jackson's Theatre, when the noted Edwin A. Reikin's All-Star Yiddish Company headed by the distinguished Yiddish star, Mr. Boris Thomashesky, will be seen. This star and his company will present for the first time in this city their latest success in a long run, "The Lost Paradise," written by the eminent Yiddish playwright, Mr. Leon Kobrin.

In reviewing the performance of "A Broken Idol," which is the Christmas attraction at Jackson's Theatre, the following to say:

"Telling Hal Stephens' story, which is the most perfect drama yet heard in a musical show, exploiting cleverly Harry Williams' lyrics, enacted by a large and very capable company training by Gus Sohke and displaying every minute his unique and strikingly clever situations and pictures. The Broken Idol at the Grand last night proved itself to be one of the most pleasing chorus shows that has ever been presented here. There was not a faulty thing about the production. Elegantly staged, richly costumed and with every attention paid to detail, it had all of the finish of a city production. The real hit came at the finale of the piece when Miss Shepard, singing the 'Ballad' number traveled over the heads of the audience in a monster balloon. This is a wonderful piece of stage craft and a director with a less inventive mind than Sohke could never have worked it out."

### BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits with an aggregate value of \$25,445 were issued last night by the board of building commissioners.  
The H. D. Gates estate to re-inforce second floor with iron beams and posts at 124 John street.  
Peter Hron, cellar wall to move house on, south side of Revere street.  
H. E. Bowden, two family frame house, west side of Richardson street.  
Warner Bros. Co., brick addition to factory building, west side of Lafayette street.  
Mrs. Belle G. Lineburgh, frame hall, south side of State street, within the fire limit.  
Harold Bjorkman, two family frame house, south side of Dewey street.  
Anthony Fraenza, four family frame house, south side of Connecticut avenue.  
Charles Lemnitzer and wife, frame store and tenement, Berkshire avenue, and East Main street.

### PATROLMAN DEAN HONE

Former Patrolman Edward Hone has returned to his home, 308 Fairfield avenue, much improved mentally. His friends hope his recovery will be more rapid here than at Middletown.

## Weak Lungs

Ask your doctor to name the best family medicine for coughs, colds, bronchitis, weak lungs. Follow his advice. F. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Seventy years of experience with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral have given us great confidence in it. We strongly recommend it for coughs, colds, bronchitis, weak throats, and weak lungs. It prevents. It protects. It soothes. It heals. Just the help nature needs.

## ITALIANS WOULD KNOW MORE OF ADOPTED COUNTRY

Civic Alliance Will Ask Leading Citizens to Speak to it on Institutions of This Nation.

At the meeting of the Italian-American Civic Alliance last night, in Aurilio hall, Kossuth street and Crescent avenue, it was voted to hold a series of meetings after January 1, 1910, at which prominent citizens will be invited to address the members of the alliance upon subjects pertaining to American history, citizenship, and municipal government. The invitations to speak will be extended to members of the city government, the Pastors' Association, the Bar Association, and citizens of prominence who have special knowledge of public affairs.

Although the alliance played a prominent part in the recent city election, it is a non-political organization devoted solely to good citizenship. Many of its members are taxpayers and those who are not are rent payers. All are fathers of families interested in the school system and wish to make good Americans of their children. One of the officers said this morning: "Although we are all citizens we have not had the time to learn all we would like about the United States and the lore and traditions that are dear to her patriotic sons of native birth."

Officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Prospero Pettiti; first vice president, Louis N. Moirero; second vice president, Pellegrino Aurilio; recording secretary, Joseph A. Cleorale; financial secretary, John Napolitano; treasurer, Leonard Benefico; executive committee, Ralph T. Borino, Alfred Franco, Frank Loperello, and Anthony Pucella. Ten applications for membership were received at the meeting last night.

## YULETIDE AT PEOPLE'S CHURCH

Saturday evening, Dec. 25th, an unusually good time will be had at the People's church. Members and friends of every age will gather together about an extemporized fireside, drink tea, tell stories, sing songs and witness some performance on the platform—an informal, hearty home-gathering of the household of faith, 7 to 9 o'clock. Rev. H. A. Davenport.

### Deaths and Funerals.

Henry Wath, an employee of the Challenge Cutlery Co., was found dead in bed yesterday morning by his boarding mistress, Mrs. Henry C. Roe, of 93 Harriet street, when she went to call him. Medical Examiner F. B. Downes was called. He gave Bright's disease and heart trouble as the cause of death and ordered the remains removed to the undertaking parlors of J. A. Remington, on East Main street. Wath was a native of England, and has no relatives in this country. It is believed.

The funeral of John E. Luckinsinger, was held yesterday afternoon from the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Luckinsinger, 192 Stratford avenue, at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. E. H. Kenyon officiating. The bearers were Harry Bridges, Arthur Heath, George Knapp, A. Mosley, R. Marshall and J. C. O'Brien. Interment was in Lakeview cemetery.

Funeral services over the remains of John Luckinsinger were held yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock and thence to St. Joseph's church, where Rev. Hubert Dahme, sang a high mass of requiem. A choir of young people assisted by Joseph Weiler rendered "Ave Maria" and "Calm as the Lake." The bearers were Otto Lenninger, Christian Schick, Leo Schmidt, Jacob Emt, George Brahm and Adm. Geist, all members of Koerner lodge, D. O. H. The impressive rituals of the Harbinger Order were exemplified at the grave in St. Michael's cemetery.

The remains of the late Mrs. William Cunningham of Stratford avenue were laid at rest yesterday morning in St. Michael's cemetery, following a high mass of requiem sung at St. Mary's church by Rev. J. J. Kennedy. The bearers were John Killner, James Coyne, Timothy Conley, Albert Raynor, William Rafferty and Edgar Bernan.

### BETHANY CHAPEL NORTH MAIN STREET.

The weekly bible meeting will be held Thursday 7:30 p. m. in the chapel subject, Fruits of Love. The meetings are well attended and there is room for more.

At the annual meeting of the Fellowship Association of Corinthian lodge, F. & A. M., last evening the officers chosen for the coming year were: President, Fred Lunde; secretary-treasurer, Robert Thorne; drill master, Roy Cram. A social session followed the election. Among the participants were the Corinthian quartet, Corinthian orchestra, H. K. Beach and Roy Cram.